

**Please Amend Claim 1, 2, 3 and 5 as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A nonreciprocal circuit element comprising:
  - a magnetic assembly comprising a ferrite magnetic body, a common electrode disposed on one surface of the magnetic body, and three central conductors extending in three directions from the a periphery of the common electrode and disposed on the magnetic body;
  - capacitors connecting to the respective central conductors;
  - a permanent magnet which applies a DC bias magnetic field to the magnetic body; and
  - a metal case which accommodates the magnetic assembly, the capacitors, and the permanent magnet, the metal case functioning as a magnetic yoke,wherein ~~the~~ a saturation magnetic flux density of at least a portion of the metal case and ~~the~~ a residual magnetic flux density of the permanent magnet have negative temperature coefficients, and the portion of the metal case comprises a magnetic material having a larger absolute value of the temperature coefficient of the saturation magnetic flux density than ~~the~~ an absolute value of the temperature coefficient of the residual magnetic flux density of the permanent magnet in ~~the~~ a temperature range of -35°C to +85°C.
2. (Currently Amended) A nonreciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a Curie point of the magnetic material is less than 400°C.
3. (Currently Amended) A nonreciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a Curie point of the magnetic material is 100°C to 300°C.
4. (Original) A nonreciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein the magnetic material is represented by the formula  $(\text{Fe}_{1-a}\text{Co}_a)_{100-}$

$\text{Ni}_b$ , wherein 0 atomic percent  $\leq a \leq 0.1$  atomic percent and 28 atomic percent  $\leq b \leq 41$  atomic percent.

5. (Currently Amended) A nonreciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1, wherein the metal case comprises an upper case and a lower case, and at least a portion of the upper or lower case that is closer to the permanent magnet is ~~said at least a~~ the portion of the metal case comprising the magnetic material.

6. (Original) A communication apparatus comprising a nonreciprocal circuit element according to Claim 1.